

2007

- Voted for the creation of a new Border Intelligence Fusion Center that would assist in producing border-related intelligence for Arizona law enforcement officers. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#), January 8, 2007]
- Hosted an immigration and law enforcement roundtable to discuss smuggling, drug trafficking and other crimes associated with illegal immigration. [Sources: [East Valley Tribune](#), May 28, 2007; [The Arizona Republic](#) and [Associated Press](#), May 29, 2007]
- Voted for funding to hire 3,000 new Border Patrol agents, make it easier to deport illegal immigrants who have committed crimes, and restore critical grants that will strengthen Arizona's homeland security. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#), June 14, 2007]
- Voted to boost the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, or SCAAP, which provides federal assistance to cash-strapped state and local agencies that are forced to divert resources from public safety services to deal with illegal immigrants. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#), July 25, 2007]
- Wrote to President Bush to ask him to extend the National Guard's deployment as part of Operation Jump Start. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#), August 9, 2007]
- Voted to significantly boost border security efforts, including funding for fencing, infrastructure, technology. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#), December 17, 2007]

2008

- Offered an amendment that would strengthen border security technology through the use of Global Positioning System (GPS) to assist in border security efforts. [[Mitchell Release](#), February 6, 2008]
- Requested the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to examine federal efforts to identify and remove criminal aliens and combat drop houses which act as way stations for drugs and humans smuggled across the border [[Mitchell Release](#), February 20, 2008]
- Joined Reps. Gabrielle Giffords, Jeff Flake, Trent Franks, Rick Renzi and John Shadegg in writing to President Bush asking him to extend the National Guard's deployment as part of

Operation Jump Start. [Sources: [Mitchell Release](#) , May 7, 2008; [Green Valley News & Sun](#) , May 21, 2008]

- Offered an amendment to the Defense Authorization Act to extend Operation Jump Start's deployment of National Guard troops at the border [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , May 20, 2008]

- Voted for the Merida Initiative to Combat Narcotics Act to combat Mexican and Central American drug trafficking by beefing up law enforcement on both sides of the border. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , June 9, 2008]

- Introduced legislation to help ensure that Immigration and Customs Enforcement has the resources it needs to enforce our nation's immigration laws. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , July 30, 2008]

2009

- Wrote to President Obama to request National Guard troops be placed on the border. [Source: [Letter to President](#) , March 25, 2009]

- Offered a bipartisan amendment to stop a proposed 25 percent cut in federal funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). SCAAP provides federal assistance to cash-strapped state and local agencies that are forced to divert resources from public safety services to deal with illegal immigrants. [Sources: [The Arizona Republic](#) , June 15, 2009; [Arizona Capitol Times](#) , June 17, 2009; [Sierra Vista Herald](#) , June 23, 2009]

- Called upon President Obama to send more than just 1,500 National Guard troops to the border. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , July 6, 2009]

- Teamed with Rep. Brian Bilbray (R-CA) to secure millions of dollars in additional funding for security improvements at the border. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , October 29, 2009]

2010

- Wrote to President Obama, again, to request additional National Guard troops be placed on the border. [Source: [Letter to the President](#) , March 30, 2010]

- Wrote to the head of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, urging him to expedite the agency's cooperation with a Government Accountability Office (GAO) investigation

requested by Mitchell on federal efforts to identify and remove criminal aliens. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , April 26, 2010] [M](#)

- Introduced Deploy National Guard Troops to the Border Act, bipartisan legislation to deploy a minimum of 3,000 additional National Guard troops to the border. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , May 21, 2010] [Mitch](#)

- Wrote to House Appropriations Chairman David Obey asking for funding for at least 3,000 additional National Guard troops on the border. [[Letter to Chairman Obey](#) , May 24, 2010]

- Introduced a bipartisan amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2011 to deploy a minimum of 3,000 additional National Guard troops to the border. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , May 25, 2010] [Mi](#)

- Following President Obama's announcement of placing additional 1,200 National Guard troops at the border, Mitchell called for additional guardsmen and resources to secure border. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , May 25, 2010]

- Wrote to President Obama, again, to request his Administration not sue to block Arizona's new immigration law from going into effect. [Source: [Letter to the President](#) , June 21, 2010]

- Wrote to House Armed Services Chairman Ike Skelton urging him to include a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act to require the deployment of thousands of additional National Guard troops to the border. [Source: [Letter to Chairman Skelton](#) , June 29, 2010]

- Spoke on House floor, urging President not to sue Arizona to overturn SB 1070. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , June 21, 2010]

- Introduced Stop the Drop House Act, bipartisan legislation to close a federal loophole and allow authorities to use civil forfeiture to seize homes used for criminal smuggling operations. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , July 19, 2010]

- Received results of a two and a half year Government Accountability Office (GAO) investigation, requested by Rep. Mitchell, at a Congressional hearing. Among the recommendations was a call to close a federal loophole to allow authorities to use civil forfeiture to seize homes used for criminal smuggling operations. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#) , July 22, 2010]